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Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Vice Mayor
Honorable Rupert Cutler, Council Member
Honorable Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Council Member
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member
Honorable Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Civic Center Auditorium
Seating

Background:

The Roanoke Civic Center opened in March, 1971. The two main facilities included the Coliseum and the Auditorium. When the Civic Center was built, continental seating for Auditoriums was at the height of fashion, and ADA compliance was not an issue.

Many things have changed through the years in public assembly facilities. Newer facilities provide cross, center, and side aisles with handicap accessibility. In order to bring the Auditorium seating up to date, new chairs are needed. They should be replaced because they are very worn and replacement parts are difficult to find. Also, handicap access would be greatly improved with a new configuration.

During fiscal year 2003-2004, \$146,000 was appropriated from retained earnings for seat refurbishment. If the seats are only refurbished, the estimated cost would be as much or more than replacement. In addition, there would still be no center, side, or cross aisles.

New chairs and aisles would provide better wheel chair access, arm lifts for patrons that have limited mobility, and some would be removable for special purposes.


Considerations:

Bids for seat replacement were solicited and received on July 2. The low bid submitted by Irwin Seating Company totals \$307,568. Total funding in the amount of \$338,324 is required and includes a 10% contingency. Beyond the amount originally appropriated, additional funding in the amount of \$192,324 is needed to fund this entire amount. The new seats would greatly improve the appearance of the Auditorium and provide quality seating for all of our patrons, including Symphony and Broadway Series season ticket holders.

Recommended Action:

Appropriate funding in the amount of \$150,000 from Civic Facilities Fund Retained Earnings and transfer funding in the amount of \$42,324 from Capital Project Contingency (001-300-9410-2280) to the Civic Facilities Seat Refurbishment Project (005-550-8623).

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

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c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance
Glenn A. Asher, Risk Management Officer
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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding to the Civic Facilities Seat Refurbishment Project, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2004-2005 General and Civic Facilities Funds Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that the following sections of the 2004-2005 General and Civic Facilities Funds Appropriations be, and the same are hereby, amended and reordained to read and provide as follows:

General Fund

Appropriations

Transfer to Civic Facilities Fund	001-250-9310-9505	\$ 42,324
Capital Project Contingency	001-300-9410-2280	(42,324)

Civic Facilities Fund

Appropriations

Appropriated from General Revenue	005-550-8623-9003	\$ 192,324
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Revenues

Transfer from General Fund	005-110-1234-0951	42,324
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Retained Earnings

Retained Earnings Available for Appropriation	005-3348	(150,000)
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.